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Save these dates:

**April 17—Dig day at Sue and Bill Hiller, 9:00 am
6511 Alpha Dr, Alton**

**April 20, 6:30 pm
Christway Church**

**Plant exchange,
2 plant limit**

Bring a mask

New Location and date

**April 24—Dig day at Carole Baker's, 9:00 am
8000 Whistling Winds Lane,
Brighton**

**April 26, Board meeting,
6:30 pm
Dottie Rogers home**

**May 1, 2021, 1:30
Arbor Day Festival
Glazebrook Park
Memorial Tree Ceremony
Jan Maxeiner, Ron Bottens,
Carolyn James**

**Friday, May 7
Pricing/setting up
Sportsmen's Club**

**May 8, 2021
Plant Sale
Sportsmen's Club
8– noon**

**May 15
Spring Nursery Tour
Car Pool**

April plant exchange: The plant exchange is fast approaching. This is a time to *share a favorite or unusual plant* with a fellow member. Every member can bring up to 2 plants. A very gently used gardening item or store bought plant is acceptable. Please have them potted or in some kind of container, this will help contain the mess. Save any extra plants for the sale. Please put the pots in plastic bags, this will also help keep the mess under control. Please label the plants with name and care. This will help the new owner to successfully grow their new plant.

Please limit your plants to 2. The plants will be selected by random drawing using the attendance tickets. Please just take one plant at a time.

Need gardens to visit: We are in need of gardens to visit this summer. Yours, a relative, a neighbor's or an interesting place to visit for an evening. Please volunteer to have a garden visit. Need gardens for July and August. If interested let Dottie Rogers know.

Dig days at Sue and Bill Hiller's and Carole Baker's: Start time will be 9:00. Compost will be available in Bill's truck, at both places. If you need compost for plants you are digging, just bring an extra bucket. Be sure to bring tools that you may need for digging: shovel, hand tools, gloves, drink and snack if needed.

Welcome new members:

Barbara Smith, joined in 2020, and rejoined for 2021. Barb has been gardening for around 60 years. Has mainly perennials; including irises, tulips and daylilies. Adds a few annuals. Has just small space for gardening, what she can handle for 80 yrs. old. Barb was a homemaker, took care of the kids and the home. She has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She stays busy, helping with 3 of the great grandchildren and enjoys crocheting.



Brenda Darr, also joined in 2020 and rejoined in 2021. Brenda is a friend of JoAnn Bishop and George Kahl. She has been gardening for 10 years, She decided she wanted some pretty flowers like the neighbor. She started with roses, but found them to be a lot of work. George introduced her to daylilies, she enjoys them and would like to learn more. Brenda, is a widower. Has 5 sons, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. In her spare time she also enjoys reading.



Welcome to Bev Goans: Bev has been gardening for about 10 yrs. She started with container gardening but has moved on to bigger projects. She has a large tiered yard with tiered deck and swimming pool. Bev wants to learn more about plants to fill up the yard. She has developed a love for daylilies. She enjoyed Eunice's presentation. She likes salvia and tulips. The tulips just don't last long enough. Her other hobbies include scrap booking, crocheting, and making cards. Bev has 1 daughter, that lives in Quincy. So help her learn a lot and fill up her yard.



Spring Nursery Tour: It was decided not to spend the money for a bus. There are members that are interested in car pooling to visit several garden nurseries. Christy Butler has been putting together an itinerary of nurseries to visit in Missouri. On the itinerary: Hartke Nursery— Olivette, Chesterfield Valley Nursery— Chesterfield, Frisella Nursery— Defiance, Femme Osage Valley Nursery— Defiance. If you have the energy there is also, Passiglia's Nursery and Garden Center—Wildwood. Lunch will be your choice of restaurants along Chesterfield Airport Rd.

Plant sale: is scheduled for Sat, May 8. Please be looking at plants that can be divided, usually 2 weeks ahead. Compost is available at Hiller's. If you have pictures of them blooming, the customers appreciate them. Start saving small cardboard boxes, flats from customers to use the day of the sale. Pricing will be on Friday, May 7 at Sportsmen's Club.

March meeting: This month's meeting was called to order by Vice President, Dottie Rogers, filling in for George Kahl who was ill.

Various upcoming topics were discussed such as the plant sale, bus trip, plant pricing, Hope Center, memorials, yard visits and plant exchange.

Eunice Weber gave a presentation of her passion, "Daylilies". Ancient Egyptians, used them for food, in 1554 they were introduced to the Netherlands, spread through Europe and the settlers brought the daylilies to North America.

Using a handout, Eunice discussed propagation, the different petal edges (ruffled) hybridizing, internal flower parts as well as the names of various other parts of the daylily, and how they are classified: dormant, semievergreen and evergreen.

One notable fact is that there are only two colors that you will not find the petals to be solid in color: blue and white.

Slides were shown to show shapes, sizes, colors, color variations and petal edges. Well presented presentation with slides. Eunice's daughter, Lisa Weber ran the slide projector.

Historian,, Jerry Linker



Hospitality: The following members have volunteered to bring food and drinks for the April meeting. Thank you in advance.

Food items: Jennifer Gottlob and Edith Reed

Beverages: Linda Ahrling, Helen Fulks

President: George Kahl, (618) 741-0394

Vice President: Dottie Rogers, 917- 4730

Secretary: Susan Ruckman, (618)917-5853 or gardenfriends@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Susan Hiller, 466-4942

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Vernice Allen
Christy Butler
Jerry Linker
Eunice Weber

Committee chairs

Christy Butler
trips
???? — community projects
Jerry Linker — photos & historian
Edith Reed — plant sale
Debbie Winship — hospitality